



Richard Brian Black

October 24, 2014

Please join us in celebrating the life of Richard Brian Black who passed away Friday, October 24, 2014. After a brave battle with brain cancer, Richard died peacefully at his home in Tequesta surrounded by his family.

Richard, 57, was born in West Palm Beach to Richard S. and Anne Higgins Black. As a young man he was introduced to fishing, boating and waterskiing and his lifelong passion for the ocean was born. He graduated from Forest Hill High School where he discovered and honed his skills as the premier party promoter. He then joined his family business, R. S. Black, Inc. In 1980, Richard married his junior high school sweetheart, Kathy Rinker, and they started their family three years later. The family moved to Tequesta in 1989. He and his brother in law, Skip Rinker, acquired and restored The Farmer's Market in WPB. In 1995, he founded Grand Slam Sportfishing Supply in Jupiter and began his legacy of organizing the area's leading fishing tournaments, donating the money raised to numerous local charities. A second location was opened in Riviera Beach in 2004 with partner, Jim McGrath. Enjoying the promotion of events so much, he started Grand Slam Events which hosts seafood festivals in both Jupiter and Stuart. It would be hard to find someone that hasn't seen at least one of the many "toys" he enjoyed on the streets and waterways of Jupiter-Tequesta. He loved driving the boat cars, fish mobiles and brightly colored pontoonboats that he designed and got such joy from the smiles on people's faces as he drove by, often squirting them as

he passed. Richard deeply loved and was loved by his family. He was so proud of each of his children and was over the moon about his grandchildren. He loved his Grand Slam family also and the many friends that we all considered part of our extended Black family. Richard had a huge heart that he shared privately with people in need. He loved his community and took pride in supporting its needs, especially where children were involved. His sense of humor was beyond belief and often hysterically shocking. He truly was one of a kind and will be missed by all who knew him.

Richard is survived by his wife, Kathy and their children, Chris (Brittany), Sarah (Ben)Dritenbas, Bubba (Carly) and Billy;his parents, Rick and Cissy Black; his sister, Debi (Skeeter) Lewis; his brother Doug (Lynn) Black; as well as his large extended family. He was "Grumpa" to his cherished grandchildren, Bryson, Kane, Finn, Austin, Dakota and Bo. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Richard's name to Coastal Conservation Association Florida (CCA Florida), P.O. Box 568886, Orlando, FL 32856.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at First Presbyterian Church in North Palm Beach, 717 Prosperity Farms Road with burial service to follow at Riverside Memorial Park, 19351 SE County Line Road, Tequesta, Florida.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Brian Black*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *In 2002 with deep regrets I was involved in a tragic accident and my life simply changed. While I was in trauma I received a very kind note from Richard and it really made realize how genuine and kind this man was. Soon after I would see Richard, what a incredible human being. He welcomed me and we just talked as if we were just 2 understanding guys that got it. I would confide in Richard because of my plight and he genuinely understood. He and his wife Kathy are beautiful people. I can always say this " He's a Good Man". Thank You Richard. God Bless*

Tim Perez - North Palm Beach, FL - Customer & Aquantance - May 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kathy and family,
Our deepest sympathy for your loss of Richard. I coached with Richard when our son and your son Chris were just 5 or 6 years old. We just read about Richard in the Courier today, I guess we were pre-occupied with our son's deployment to Afghanistan this last year. Please give your family our best wishes and condolences, Richard will be greatly missed in Jupiter!*

Tim and Bev - jupiter, FL - April 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *This has come as a big shock! My heart goes out to you Kathy and to the entire family. Sincerely, Brigitte*

Brigitte Spector - West Palm Beach, FL - friend - December 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ You are truly one of a kind and will be missed by many, many people. You were the most awesome person with your years of fishing tournaments you coordinated. I will be looking for a Richard Black Memorial KDW Tourney...the best way to honor you! RIP Richard Black!!!

Marcy, Frank Debrowski - PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL - Extended Fishing Family - November 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest sympathies are with the family.

Brook Ball Davis - Montross, VA - October 29, 2014 at 12:00 AM